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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: 1978 HUMAN RIGHTS COUNTRY REPORTS

REF: STATE 207310

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WAGE POLICIES, ETC.

B. STATUS OF WOMEN, LABOR RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION ARISING FROM ETHNIC, COMMUNAL, RACIAL OR CASTE FACTORS.

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4. GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE AND RECORD REGARDING INTER-  
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